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SUBJECT: ABRASIMOV REASSEMBLES OLD TEAM

1. MISSION OFFICERS LEARNED AT FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR DEPARTING SOVIET EMBASSY COUNSELOR RODIN MARCH 11 THAT RETURNING SOVIET AMBASSADOR ABRASIMOV WILL BE REASSEMBLING SOE OF OLD TEAM FROM HIS PREVIOUS TOUR OF DUTY IN EAST BERLIN. RODIN'S REPLACEMENT WILL BE BRONISLAV KHOTULEV, WHO HEADED EMBASSY'S WEST BERLIN/FRG SECTION UNTIL 1972, SERVED AS KEY ADVISER TO ABRASIMOV DURING NEGOTIATION OF QA, AND WAS CHIEF SOVIET INTERLOCUTOR IN SUBSEQUENT POLAD-LEVEL TALKS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREED MINUTE II. WE WERE ALSO TOLD VSEVELOD SOVVA, WHO WAS FIRST SECRETARY AND THEN COUNSELOR FOR PRESS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS AT EAST BERLIN EMBASSY 1968 (B) -1971, AND HAS SERVED FOR PAST FEW YEARS AS SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO ABRASIMOV IN HIS CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE POST, WILL BE RETURNING TO EAST BERLIN AS REPLACEMENT FOR DEPARTING
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MINISTER GORALD GORINOVICH.

2. RODIN, WE ARE INFORMED, IS TO BE ASSIGNED AS SECTION CHIEF WITHIN THIRD EUROPEAN DIVISION OF SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY, AND WILL THUS REMAIN IN FIELD OF GERMAN AFFAIRS. ANATOLIY GRISHCHENKO, CURRENTLY NUMBER TWO IN SOVIET CONSULATE GENERAL IN WEST BERLIN AND FORMERLY KHOTULEV'S DEPUTY IN EAST BERLIN EMBASSY, TOLD US HE WILL BE RETURNING TO MOSCOW BEFORE LONG, PROBABLY FOR ASSIGNMENT IN THIRD EUROPEAN DIVISION.

3. YEFREMOV IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE EAST BERLIN MARCH 13, WITH ABRASIMOV ARRIVING ON FOLLOWING DAY. GEORGE

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